

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to response filed on 04/13/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12-22, 24 and 26 (renumbered as 1-13).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed on April 13, 2007.
2. Claims 12, 24 and 26 are amended. Claims 1-11, 23 and 25 are canceled. Claims 12-22, 24 and 26 are pending and presented for examination for this office action.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ronald Reichman (Reg. No. 26,796) on 04/25/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 12, on line 23, delete, "quantative", and please insert, -- quantitative --;

In claim 24, on line 29, delete, "quantative", and please insert, -- quantitative --;

In claim 26, on line 24, delete, "quantative", and please insert, -- quantitative --.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 12-22, 24 and 26 are allowed.


The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claim 12, 24 and 26 identifies distinct features, "determining if the monitored information relates to a particular information source, determine a value rating associated with the user for the particular information source in accordance with the monitored information, creating an updated profile for the user in the user profile database in accordance with the monitored information, if a value rating is determined, associating the value rating with the updated user profile and recording the value rating in a related value rating database, determining if a list is to be generated, calculating an estimated value to the user of an information source as a function of the user's profile, profiles for others of the users, and value ratings for the information source associated with the other users profiles, repeating estimated values have been calculated for all of the information sources, selecting and outputting to the user, or saving for later output, information sources having estimated values so that the user receiving the list of information sources will have a quantitative estimate of the likely value of each of the sources". The closest prior art, Huper-Graff et al (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0044677) disclosing information sources and user database, fails to suggest the claimed limitation as mentioned above in combination with other claimed elements. The above features in conjunction with all other limitations of the dependent and independent claims 12-22, 24 and 26 are hereby allowed.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isaac M. Woo whose telephone number is (571) 272-4043. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam can be reached on (571) 272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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